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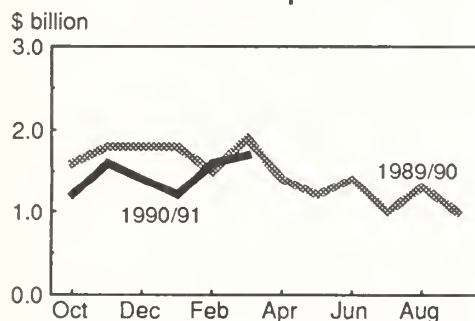
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U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

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Trade Surplus



March Trade Surplus Rises - The agricultural trade surplus was up only 1 percent from February. Most of the rise resulted from higher exports. At \$1.7 billion, the March 1991 surplus was 12 percent below March 1990. Exports rose to \$3.6 billion, imports to \$2 billion. The cumulative trade surplus for October 1990 to March 1991 was \$8.7 billion, 16 percent lower than last year at this time (see table 3).

Agricultural Exports Higher in March - U.S. agricultural exports rose in March. At \$3.6 billion, the value of exports was up 4 percent from February but was 10 percent below last March. Increased shipments of cotton, corn, wheat, and tobacco offset decreases in soybeans and meat products. October through March cumulative exports totaled \$20.1 billion, \$1.8 billion below last year.

Still the single largest export commodity, *corn* shipments increased 3 percent in March. A total of 4.8 million tons were shipped at a value of \$530 million. The Soviet Union, Japan, and Taiwan continued to be the major recipients of U.S. corn for the third month in a row. The USSR received 1.9 million tons, 40 percent of all corn shipped during the month.

Wheat shipments rose the most in March. Volume increased by 23 percent over February, to 3 million tons. Value increased by 22 percent to \$288 million. The slightly smaller increase in value was due to wheat's declining unit value. Since January, wheat's unit value has been steadily falling. In March, it was \$94, the lowest since mid-1987.

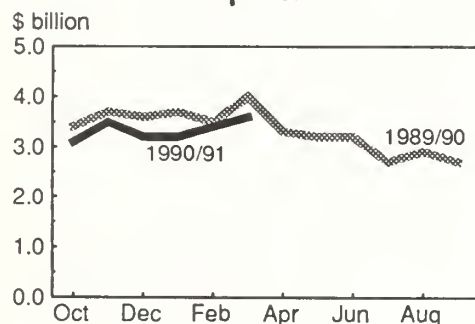
Over one-quarter of the wheat shipments went to the Soviet Union. Other large shipments went to Egypt, China, the Philippines, and Algeria.

The value of *soybean* exports dropped slightly from February to \$408 million. Volume, however, stayed at about 1.8 million tons. The European Community accounted for over one-third of the shipments, followed by Japan, Taiwan, and Mexico.

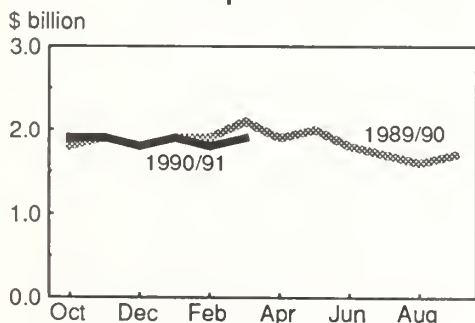
Cotton export value rose 7 percent in March, the fifth consecutive month of gains. However, its unit value went down to \$1,591 from \$1,651 in February.

Agricultural Imports Up - U.S. agricultural imports rose to \$2 billion in March. Cumulative imports for October through March totaled \$11.4 billion, 2 percent lower than last year. Seasonal increases continued for fresh fruits and vegetables. Coffee and cocoa fell slightly. (Susan Pollack, 202-219-0822).

Exports



Imports



Export Share of Production

Steady in 1990 - During fiscal 1990, 17 percent of all U.S. farm production was exported, about the same as during 1988 and 1989. The share remained below fiscal 1981's record 22 percent. Most of the variation in this share has been due to changes in bulk product exports (such as grains, oilseeds, and cotton), although high-value exports became increasingly important during the 1980's. About 40 percent of all U.S. bulk product production was exported in fiscal 1990, while the comparable figure for high-value products was about 9 percent. However, this 9 percent was the largest share of U.S. high-value production ever exported (Table 4). (Stephen MacDonald, 202-219-0822)

Table 1--U.S. agricultural exports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity group and unit	October-March				March			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1989/90	1990/91	1989/90	1990/91	1990	1991	1990	1991
Total agricultural exports (NA)	--	--	21,898,839	20,092,465	--	--	4,039,298	3,635,552
Animals & animal prods (NA)	--	--	3,276,144	3,436,640	--	--	603,789	551,322
Animals live - ex poultry (NA)	--	--	228,036	305,784	--	--	25,839	31,044
Cattle & calves - live (NO)	68	84	49,831	58,530	14	19	9,969	11,552
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	36	39	150,425	216,089	9	7	11,099	13,503
Swine - live (NO)	42	71	5,739	9,212	3	14	650	1,738
Sheep, live (NO)	192	298	6,204	9,813	34	53	1,226	1,841
Other live animals (NA)	--	--	15,836	12,141	--	--	2,895	2,409
Meats & meat prods (MT)	455	466	1,196,923	1,407,628	74	78	225,285	223,964
Beef & veal (MT)	188	188	713,043	880,420	30	30	144,868	137,719
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	184	184	697,772	864,451	30	30	142,303	135,702
Beef - prep or pres (MT)	5	4	15,271	15,969	1	1	2,566	2,017
Horsemeat-fr, chill, froz (MT)	27	30	70,574	85,355	5	5	13,502	13,712
Pork (MT)	51	45	185,178	169,199	8	6	29,915	24,526
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	44	36	166,106	146,298	6	5	25,969	20,653
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	8	9	19,072	22,901	1	1	3,947	3,873
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	123	144	177,761	215,718	21	25	29,615	38,466
Other meats - fr or prep (MT)	65	61	50,367	56,936	10	11	7,384	9,541
Poultry & poultry prods (NA)	--	--	407,821	493,757	--	--	79,793	90,899
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	45,617	49,880	--	--	9,906	9,375
Baby chicks (NO)	17,883	24,137	37,039	43,568	3,925	4,046	7,502	8,483
Other live poultry (NA)	--	--	8,578	6,312	--	--	2,604	892
Poultry meats (MT)	270	323	300,123	368,849	54	61	59,715	69,268
Chickens - fr or froz (MT)	241	282	248,077	294,292	49	56	49,579	58,243
Turkeys - fr or froz (MT)	10	16	13,974	23,992	2	2	2,331	2,913
Other poultry - fr or froz (MT)	7	8	7,705	9,265	1	1	1,536	1,622
Poultry meats - prep or pres (MT)	12	18	30,367	41,300	2	2	6,268	6,490
Feathers & downs, crude (MT)	1	1	15,001	10,837	0	0	2,995	2,248
Eggs (NA)	--	--	47,081	64,190	--	--	7,177	10,009
Dairy prods (NA)	--	--	161,121	115,429	--	--	25,873	21,834
Evap & condensed milk (MT)	2	1	1,348	1,265	0	0	334	273
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	11	2	17,038	3,522	2	1	3,093	986
Butter & anhyd milkfat (MT)	25	5	40,206	7,543	1	1	1,597	1,593
Cheese (MT)	5	6	13,689	17,811	1	1	2,941	2,287
Whey, fluid or dried (NA)	--	--	16,677	27,677	--	--	3,324	4,610
Other dairy prods (NA)	--	--	72,164	57,612	--	--	14,585	12,085
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	664	527	242,026	192,991	124	105	45,601	38,508
Lard (MT)	23	29	10,709	13,882	4	4	1,827	2,120
Tallow - inedible (MT)	532	398	186,375	134,382	106	80	37,555	27,703
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	108	100	44,942	44,727	14	21	6,220	8,685
Hides & skins, incl furs (NA)	--	--	900,544	778,237	--	--	175,907	124,421
Cattle hides - whole (NO)	13,002	11,538	683,619	614,930	2,373	1,848	127,012	95,034
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	--	--	19,478	9,810	--	--	3,059	1,185
Other hides & skins, ex furs (NA)	--	--	106,137	109,685	--	--	21,031	18,442
Furskins (NA)	--	--	91,309	43,812	--	--	24,805	9,761
Mink pelts (NO)	2,349	1,791	60,116	28,368	740	328	17,583	5,078
Other furskins (NA)	--	--	31,194	15,443	--	--	7,222	4,683
Wool & mohair (MT)	4	3	21,619	9,434	0	0	2,707	1,472
Sausage casings (MT)	5	9	17,498	17,389	1	1	2,474	2,475
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	30,272	23,482	--	--	4,939	2,987
Misc animal prods - other (NA)	--	--	70,284	92,510	--	--	15,370	13,717
Grains & feeds (MT)	61,543	49,708	8,513,988	6,289,233	10,359	10,109	1,485,749	1,237,400
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	13,896	13,258	2,249,401	1,393,537	2,855	3,055	457,362	287,795
Wheat flour (MT)	518	475	120,782	88,836	88	124	21,277	21,149
Bulgur wheat (MT)	12	7	1,948	2,204	1	1	214	1,234
Other wheat prods (MT)	8	14	7,349	14,969	1	3	1,294	2,732
Rice-paddy, milled, parb. (MT)	1,505	1,439	498,873	417,983	250	200	84,417	64,042
Feed grains & prods (MT)	39,231	28,239	4,422,744	3,085,376	5,750	5,675	655,121	638,000
Feed grains (MT)	39,035	27,953	4,362,516	3,014,580	5,715	5,591	646,326	619,945
Barley (MT)	707	961	87,763	97,575	12	47	2,447	5,993
Corn (MT)	34,084	23,709	3,807,050	2,568,013	4,908	4,787	556,014	529,859
Grain sorghums (MT)	4,238	3,276	466,911	348,288	794	757	87,696	84,033
Oats (MT)	5	3	684	455	1	0	121	57
Rye (MT)	1	3	107	249	1	0	48	3
Feed grain prods (MT)	196	286	60,228	70,796	34	84	8,794	18,055
Popcorn (MT)	38	41	21,478	22,782	6	8	3,285	4,429
Blended food prods (MT)	93	119	28,075	34,539	32	26	9,371	7,748
Other grain prods (MT)	316	295	181,559	248,897	77	47	36,380	37,394
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	5,925	5,821	981,780	980,110	1,299	969	217,029	172,875
Corn by-products (MT)	2,913	3,184	420,139	448,576	683	517	97,166	76,485
Alfalfa meal & cubes (MT)	279	267	42,643	43,959	44	48	7,167	8,156
Beet pulp (MT)	328	355	40,448	39,649	84	86	10,441	10,031
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	287	357	31,460	44,530	72	72	8,102	10,492
Other feeds & fodders (MT)	2,118	1,658	447,090	403,396	416	246	94,153	67,712
Fruits & prep, ex juice (MT)	1,051	1,237	777,193	989,478	187	186	137,189	155,764
Fruits - fr (MT)	881	1,008	540,235	706,784	160	144	99,471	105,798
Fruits - fr - citrus (MT)	473	519	276,281	328,315	112	98	64,093	68,376
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	195	303	108,367	175,136	44	69	27,169	42,545
Lemons & limes - fresh (MT)	65	65	49,204	55,055	12	9	8,381	10,326
Oranges & tangerines - fresh (MT)	212	150	118,283	97,692	56	21	28,503	15,451
Fruits - fr - noncitrus (MT)	408	489	263,954	378,469	48	46	35,378	37,423
Apples - fresh (MT)	229	245	111,070	149,756	27	27	14,435	17,303
Grapes - fresh (MT)	60	94	60,819	99,076	2	1	1,753	1,906
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	119	150	92,065	129,637	19	17	19,190	18,214
Fruits - dried (MT)	96	132	154,917	174,322	14	21	22,696	28,204
Raisins - dried (MT)	50	69	79,718	91,526	7	11	12,025	14,287
Prunes - dried (MT)	41	55	64,833	68,273	6	10	8,737	11,840
Other dried fruits (MT)	5	7	10,366	14,523	1	1	1,933	2,078

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Commodity group and unit	October-March				March			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1989/90	1990/91	1989/90	1990/91	1990	1991	1990	1991
Fruits - canned ex juice (MT)	37	47	39,463	49,303	7	9	8,138	9,559
Fruits - froz ex juice (MT)	13	19	13,125	17,077	2	3	1,848	2,824
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	23	31	29,453	41,991	4	8	5,035	9,379
Fruit juices incl froz (HL)	2,534	2,901	141,717	156,458	474	498	27,860	27,456
Orange juice (HL)	1,372	1,607	69,417	79,100	188	231	9,515	11,103
Other fruit juices (HL)	1,162	1,293	72,300	77,358	286	267	18,345	16,353
Wine (HL)	354	464	46,345	61,710	77	80	10,102	10,155
Nuts & prep (MT)	330	310	516,221	567,479	46	40	75,099	73,415
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	83	112	266,802	306,189	15	17	48,216	48,481
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	175	121	105,036	85,185	28	19	17,567	11,143
Walnuts, shelled/unshelled (MT)	57	52	103,029	105,083	1	1	2,332	2,971
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	3	6	8,698	19,023	1	1	2,280	3,396
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	11	20	32,656	51,999	2	2	4,705	7,423
Vegetables & prep (NA)	--	--	1,021,532	1,316,491	--	--	198,524	224,053
Vegetables - fr (MT)	466	688	252,811	389,927	110	127	70,381	77,406
Celery - fresh (MT)	47	59	17,261	21,501	10	13	3,022	3,381
Cauliflower - fresh (MT)	29	30	16,796	22,699	7	5	4,061	4,293
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	95	164	41,730	74,468	18	29	9,442	11,275
Onions - fresh (MT)	66	97	19,845	30,740	6	9	2,784	3,426
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	34	35	13,066	14,594	11	10	4,394	3,990
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	40	69	33,931	49,093	10	11	10,364	11,069
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	155	233	110,182	176,833	48	50	36,314	39,972
Vegetables - froz (MT)	150	148	116,200	121,139	28	28	22,328	22,745
Corn, sweet, frozen (MT)	29	29	23,144	24,384	5	5	3,846	4,035
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	89	83	62,714	62,437	18	16	12,656	12,040
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	32	36	30,342	34,318	6	8	5,825	6,670
Vegetables - canned (MT)	100	126	89,439	114,509	15	21	13,370	18,487
Pulses (MT)	359	427	197,284	224,298	47	44	22,346	22,800
Dried beans (MT)	249	358	158,190	191,113	23	33	13,376	16,748
Dried peas (MT)	82	43	25,152	18,670	18	5	5,474	2,275
Dried lentils (MT)	28	27	13,942	14,515	7	6	3,496	3,777
Hops, incl hop ext (MT)	8	4	45,912	37,229	1	1	6,834	5,828
Other veg - prep or pres (NA)	--	--	319,886	429,388	--	--	63,266	76,788
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	16,003	12,618	3,937,270	3,164,599	3,100	2,399	758,852	590,695
Oilcake & meal (MT)	2,693	2,699	594,603	542,656	535	503	114,874	99,527
Soybean meal (MT)	2,647	2,508	586,427	518,220	518	454	112,242	92,905
Other oilcake & meal (MT)	46	190	8,176	24,436	17	50	2,632	6,622
Oilseeds (MT)	12,645	9,472	2,948,696	2,294,638	2,434	1,828	561,856	437,319
Soybeans (MT)	12,384	9,196	2,791,001	2,115,144	2,380	1,790	535,711	408,305
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	61	59	32,250	33,949	8	9	4,888	5,679
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	43	33	30,984	22,727	6	4	4,638	3,018
Other oilseeds (MT)	123	134	33,627	41,450	34	17	7,499	5,952
Protein substances (MT)	34	49	60,834	81,368	5	8	9,120	14,366
Vegetable oils (MT)	665	447	393,971	327,305	131	67	82,121	53,848
Soybean oil (MT)	321	97	160,701	64,272	75	15	40,889	10,323
Cottonseed oil (MT)	99	59	45,670	27,220	18	13	9,072	5,848
Sunflower oil (MT)	78	90	40,953	47,893	9	4	4,948	2,763
Corn oil (MT)	85	112	52,940	76,740	16	13	10,439	9,103
Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	81	89	93,708	111,180	14	21	16,773	25,811
Tobacco - unmf (MT)	138	136	834,070	824,772	26	25	167,744	129,359
Tobacco - light air-cured (MT)	23	16	155,976	109,712	12	5	84,890	36,870
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	89	88	578,850	592,504	10	10	65,874	68,425
Other tobacco - unmf (MT)	26	32	99,244	122,557	4	10	16,979	24,064
Cotton, ex linters (MT)	957	1,084	1,557,403	1,800,587	217	243	346,248	386,509
Cotton linters (MT)	24	17	9,752	7,112	4	3	1,711	1,093
Essential oils (MT)	7	6	93,336	96,846	1	1	14,713	15,455
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	284	268	369,692	406,000	41	38	52,824	67,877
Sugar & tropical prods (NA)	--	--	406,655	480,387	--	--	69,452	70,304
Sugar & related prods (NA)	--	--	178,574	249,527	--	--	31,721	36,121
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	235	292	94,972	113,453	34	44	14,697	18,139
Related sugar prods (NA)	--	--	83,602	136,075	--	--	17,023	17,982
Coffee (MT)	9	8	54,024	47,640	1	1	7,491	9,088
Cocoa (MT)	9	11	21,025	26,468	1	1	2,845	2,479
Chocolate & prep (MT)	32	27	99,152	95,122	5	3	17,397	11,450
Tea & mate (MT)	4	5	19,225	23,376	1	1	3,544	5,420
Spices (MT)	5	8	15,295	19,424	1	1	3,342	3,040
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	10	10	17,868	17,130	1	1	2,897	2,424
Other misc veg prods (MT)	16	17	131,293	147,434	3	3	23,452	18,728
Nursery & greenhouse prods (NA)	--	--	86,194	106,582	--	--	24,454	26,228
Beverages ex juices (NA)	--	--	180,035	240,656	--	--	41,537	49,742
Selected non-ag exports (NA)	--	--	5,840,667	7,583,789	--	--	1,170,416	1,276,602
Fertilizers (NA)	--	--	1,134,315	1,440,099	--	--	185,391	201,929
Fish & shellfish (MT)	289	385	929,339	1,346,554	71	104	230,004	308,068
Fish - fr or prep (MT)	199	265	430,818	768,987	48	64	94,048	179,272
Shellfish (MT)	61	89	353,803	505,950	16	23	89,579	113,185
Other fish prods (MT)	29	30	144,719	71,617	8	16	46,377	15,611
Ag chemicals (MT)	131	114	703,086	661,228	29	25	152,435	122,349
Fungicides (MT)	12	12	96,924	104,203	3	2	17,789	18,713
Herbicides (MT)	63	37	343,319	254,217	15	12	77,100	50,977
Insecticides (MT)	23	29	98,885	117,314	5	5	25,154	22,344
Other pesticides (MT)	33	36	163,958	185,494	6	6	32,393	30,315
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	1,010,397	913,303	--	--	207,265	176,844
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	19	12	338,829	281,833	5	3	76,090	54,334
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	--	--	671,568	631,470	--	--	131,176	122,511
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	--	--	2,063,529	3,222,605	--	--	395,320	467,412

Preliminary data. NA = Not available. Zeroes in quantity columns represent none or less than 500 units.

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity and unit	October-March				March			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1989/90	1990/91	1989/90	1990/91	1990	1991	1990	1991
Total agricultural imports (NA)	--	--	11,592,576	11,396,042	--	--	2,147,752	1,962,104
Noncompetitive ag imports (NA)	--	--	2,843,990	2,779,545	--	--	549,722	470,745
Bananas & plantains (MT)	1,573	1,634	451,496	470,797	284	284	81,030	83,082
Coffee, incl prods (MT)	735	616	1,107,834	1,010,210	145	98	221,050	171,637
Cocoa & prods (MT)	320	313	470,357	503,933	70	51	89,190	78,572
Tea (MT)	47	46	77,643	71,769	8	9	15,128	13,676
Spices (MT)	52	56	117,966	129,202	11	8	24,322	17,806
Rubber & allied gums - crude (MT)	427	403	365,599	338,266	82	71	68,794	60,004
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	6,550	2,624	0	0	632	480
Wool, unmfng - carpet (MT)	7	5	23,344	11,647	1	1	4,044	2,035
Fibers, excl cotton (MT)	48	43	21,424	20,842	10	8	4,203	3,875
Essential oils (MT)	12	9	71,225	78,425	2	2	13,248	12,584
Drugs - crude natural (MT)	29	23	130,154	141,333	3	3	27,949	26,990
Other noncompetitive imports (NA)	--	--	398	497	--	--	131	4
Competitive ag imports (NA)	--	--	8,748,587	8,616,497	--	--	1,598,030	1,491,359
Animals & prods (NA)	--	--	2,780,445	2,801,025	--	--	467,906	446,003
Animals-live, ex poultry (NO)	1,623	1,759	546,473	649,643	270	290	92,888	105,267
Cattle (NO)	1,091	1,289	462,334	568,466	198	200	83,405	93,935
Horses & mules (NO)	7	6	33,883	31,790	1	1	2,577	2,027
Swine (NO)	509	451	48,782	48,452	69	87	6,776	9,122
Sheep, live (NO)	14	12	1,057	842	2	3	123	182
Meats & prods, ex poultry (MT)	555	566	1,393,620	1,432,901	102	93	254,572	238,706
Beef & veal (MT)	373	379	934,161	931,311	66	62	162,286	153,997
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	331	348	814,085	822,646	59	55	140,697	130,680
Beef & veal - prep or pres (MT)	42	31	120,076	108,665	8	6	21,589	23,317
Pork (MT)	156	159	395,828	439,492	31	27	81,952	75,072
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	99	108	192,520	243,604	19	18	37,691	39,879
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	58	51	203,308	195,888	12	9	44,261	35,194
Mutton goat & lamb-fr/frz (MT)	9	11	20,357	21,255	2	1	3,728	3,112
Variety meats - fr or froz (MT)	5	8	8,540	13,444	1	1	1,435	2,114
Other meats - fr or froz (MT)	1	1	6,758	4,972	0	0	304	642
Other meats & prods (MT)	10	8	27,927	22,387	2	1	4,867	3,769
Poultry and prods (NA)	--	--	69,152	53,105	--	--	10,457	7,637
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	8,250	7,087	--	--	994	1,087
Poultry meat (MT)	2	2	9,390	8,453	0	0	1,999	988
Eggs (NA)	--	--	11,499	7,726	--	--	1,770	900
Feathers & down - crude (MT)	7	6	40,014	29,839	1	1	5,694	4,661
Dairy products (NA)	--	--	461,182	383,880	--	--	62,352	55,378
Milk & cream, fr or dried (MT)	9	8	8,730	6,611	1	2	1,523	2,148
Butter & butterfat mixtures (MT)	2	1	2,718	2,755	0	0	168	127
Cheese (MT)	70	60	215,987	202,995	10	8	31,873	26,035
Casein & mixtures (MT)	43	36	202,679	133,962	5	6	23,027	21,598
Other dairy prods (NA)	--	--	31,068	37,557	--	--	5,760	5,469
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	8	13	6,943	8,706	2	2	1,321	1,180
Hides & skins (NA)	--	--	101,732	67,249	--	--	18,822	10,508
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	4	2	20,646	10,203	1	0	4,214	1,841
Other hides & skins (NA)	--	--	30,632	29,969	--	--	6,409	5,219
Furskins (NA)	--	--	50,454	27,076	--	--	8,198	3,448
Wool - unmfng, apparel grades (MT)	21	21	87,085	87,501	1	2	6,306	8,813
Sausage casings (MT)	6	7	25,083	25,126	1	1	5,100	4,627
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	1,471	1,251	--	--	357	240
Misc animal prods (NA)	--	--	87,704	91,664	--	--	15,731	13,647
Grains & feeds (MT)	1,702	2,005	596,397	631,874	235	353	86,384	101,130
Wheat, ex seed (MT)	184	356	28,895	42,350	11	36	1,597	4,631
Corn, unmilled (MT)	20	24	2,050	2,665	1	1	92	140
Oats, unmilled (MT)	518	484	53,523	41,084	66	78	5,756	6,764
Barley, unmilled (MT)	140	165	23,108	19,474	31	49	5,063	5,612
Rice (MT)	65	76	33,844	36,134	13	13	5,910	6,186
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	84	78	180,508	180,508	12	11	23,909	23,507
Pasta & noodles (MT)	66	72	60,434	71,701	11	12	10,344	12,131
Other grains & preps (NA)	--	--	84,851	95,720	--	--	13,476	18,864
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	499	544	129,183	142,239	74	97	20,237	23,295
Fruits & preps (MT)	1,058	1,061	646,567	644,883	302	294	179,715	166,622
Fruits - fr or froz (MT)	792	811	437,108	424,138	258	255	144,588	131,847
Strawberries (MT)	26	23	27,062	27,116	11	8	10,861	9,725
Apples, fresh (MT)	44	51	15,199	16,726	15	13	6,267	5,074
Citrus, fresh (MT)	50	79	14,448	30,797	7	14	2,904	7,622
Grapes, fresh (MT)	269	218	206,839	155,384	111	87	80,164	57,806
Mangoes (MT)	4	7	3,396	7,590	2	6	1,810	5,605
Melons (MT)	219	243	58,923	71,256	74	86	21,822	24,473
Pineapples (MT)	50	53	21,157	20,107	9	12	3,642	3,757
Other fruits - fr or froz (MT)	129	137	90,085	95,163	29	30	17,118	17,785
Fruits - prep or pres (MT)	267	251	209,458	220,745	44	39	35,127	34,775
Pineapples - canned or prep (M	134	136	75,922	86,420	23	21	13,311	13,117
Other fruits - prep or pres (M	133	115	133,537	134,324	21	18	21,815	21,658
Orange juice (HL)	11,823	6,224	356,623	160,932	1,414	1,083	55,762	22,625
Other fruit juices (HL)	5,850	7,890	135,510	193,197	949	1,016	21,570	28,656
Nuts & preps (MT)	78	91	178,838	245,759	11	10	22,970	24,567
Brazil nuts (MT)	3	4	7,700	7,900	0	0	620	601
Cashew nuts (MT)	25	29	100,567	131,026	4	3	14,794	13,193
Chestnuts (MT)	4	3	9,814	8,842	0	0	98	91
Coconut meat (MT)	28	26	22,386	21,743	5	4	3,750	2,910
Filberts (MT)	0	0	410	464	0	0	82	47
Macademia nuts (MT)	1	2	7,752	15,378	0	0	483	253
Pistachio nuts (MT)	1	1	5,899	1,622	0	0	404	465
Other nuts (MT)	15	27	24,309	58,785	2	3	2,738	7,007

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity, continued

Commodity and unit	October-March				March			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1989/90	1990/91	1989/90	1990/91	1990	1991	1990	1991
Vegetables & preps (NA)	--	--	1,438,797	1,170,841	--	--	308,127	242,118
Vegetables - fr or froz (MT)	1,272	1,157	910,610	638,975	270	277	206,711	157,808
Tomatoes (MT)	297	225	350,598	134,905	76	68	98,767	55,964
Asparagus (MT)	15	20	23,247	28,094	6	6	9,030	8,339
Beans (MT)	16	12	19,439	11,040	3	2	2,988	1,857
Carrots (MT)	42	37	8,407	11,214	4	4	1,046	1,456
Cucumbers (MT)	162	144	64,099	61,082	27	23	10,490	11,807
Eggplant (MT)	12	16	15,459	9,835	3	4	2,813	2,732
Garlic (MT)	8	6	8,901	7,237	2	2	2,339	2,864
Lettuce (MT)	11	8	4,187	4,075	1	1	592	321
Onions (MT)	102	115	41,764	59,254	41	56	9,751	13,846
Peas, incl chickpeas (MT)	27	22	33,554	23,903	5	4	7,500	4,546
Peppers (MT)	98	88	116,915	70,285	19	17	24,298	13,216
Potatoes (MT)	157	185	43,997	43,350	25	41	9,061	8,464
Squash (MT)	64	59	36,831	37,950	10	10	4,982	7,877
Other veds - fr or froz (MT)	263	219	143,213	136,752	47	41	23,054	24,518
Vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	--	--	528,187	531,866	--	--	101,416	84,310
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	36	34	74,198	69,196	5	4	11,169	8,500
Mushrooms, canned (MT)	21	23	53,885	56,647	5	4	14,631	9,961
Hops, incl extract (MT)	7	8	32,946	30,708	2	2	6,879	8,307
Artichokes - prep (MT)	7	9	13,587	15,823	1	0	1,836	383
Asparagus - prep (MT)	1	0	1,360	636	0	0	159	68
Tomatoes, incl paste & sauce (63	44	59,353	37,081	14	8	13,233	7,337
Waterchestnuts (MT)	17	16	13,245	12,570	3	3	2,497	2,444
Beans & peas, dried (MT)	27	25	14,744	14,666	4	4	2,426	2,421
Other vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	--	--	264,870	294,539	--	--	48,586	44,889
Sugar & related prods (NA)	--	--	501,541	531,736	--	--	120,442	87,537
Sugar - cane & beet (MT)	785	830	321,981	338,518	204	154	88,004	56,435
Molasses (HL)	3,875	4,749	33,485	42,334	659	828	6,245	5,401
Confectionery prods (MT)	49	47	87,387	93,143	8	8	15,785	15,910
Other sugar & related prods (MT)	133	136	58,688	57,741	24	23	10,408	9,791
Spices (MT)	9	7	12,082	11,742	2	1	2,712	2,120
Tobacco - unmgf (MT)	86	95	258,134	305,052	16	18	46,675	58,473
Tobacco - filler (MT)	83	85	250,757	296,167	15	16	46,256	57,124
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	3	9	1,640	4,143	0	1	231	660
Other tobacco (MT)	0	1	5,737	4,742	0	0	188	689
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	6,203	6,139	907,657	945,285	995	998	136,022	141,829
Wine (HL)	1,486	1,266	503,137	507,537	192	168	63,921	65,952
Malt beverages (HL)	4,356	4,484	378,000	408,096	757	764	67,984	70,765
Other beverages (HL)	361	389	26,520	29,652	47	66	4,117	5,112
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	1,014	1,063	483,062	484,892	125	196	63,435	86,001
Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	292	236	109,699	78,288	35	43	15,361	13,612
Flaxseed (MT)	71	58	22,796	12,647	3	10	1,050	2,182
Sesameseed (MT)	24	18	28,133	21,707	5	3	6,180	3,566
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	197	160	58,771	43,934	27	29	8,131	7,864
Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	565	657	348,203	382,406	69	122	44,870	67,825
Castor oil (MT)	21	18	19,858	15,996	1	2	782	2,277
Coconut oil (MT)	262	253	118,489	76,587	24	53	9,867	16,603
Olive oil (MT)	40	49	77,054	107,994	7	6	14,086	14,257
Palm oil (MT)	54	72	16,256	21,889	7	8	1,811	3,001
Palm kernel oil (MT)	74	82	34,471	30,327	7	18	3,436	7,213
Other vegetable oils (MT)	115	184	82,076	129,614	23	35	14,887	24,474
Oilcake & meal (MT)	156	170	25,159	24,197	20	32	3,204	4,564
Cotton, excl linters (MT)	0	0	239	155	0	0	136	29
Cotton linters (MT)	19	6	9,564	6,171	6	1	3,354	1,013
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	111	102	93,094	91,130	47	39	27,185	22,643
Cut flowers (NA)	--	--	160,632	170,576	--	--	26,517	27,121
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	--	--	114,273	126,872	--	--	13,095	18,487
Other vegetable prods (MT)	23	24	75,133	94,375	4	4	16,024	14,386
Selected non-ag imports (NA)	--	--	4,987,807	5,070,924	--	--	913,146	864,835
Fertilizers (MT) 1/	8,119	9,182	750,720	826,225	1,510	1,559	134,877	144,319
Potassium (MT)	3,583	3,772	295,189	295,376	607	668	48,687	54,851
Phosphate (MT)	1,974	2,614	136,518	189,143	324	452	24,699	35,696
Fish (MT)	697	651	2,584,443	2,625,090	111	107	433,607	423,722
Fish fresh or prep (MT)	479	455	1,266,024	1,325,252	76	75	211,320	221,131
Shellfish (MT)	182	161	1,296,181	1,276,355	31	25	219,169	198,306
Fish prods, other (MT)	35	35	22,239	23,483	4	7	3,117	4,285
Ag chemicals (MT)	52	45	301,151	275,366	12	10	67,571	60,519
Fungicides (MT)	7	10	21,739	28,973	2	2	6,747	5,327
Herbicides (MT)	14	12	87,049	80,351	3	2	20,584	12,335
Insecticides (MT)	2	2	17,893	18,666	0	1	5,133	6,176
Other pesticides (MT)	29	21	174,470	147,376	6	5	35,108	36,681
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	1,303,215	1,293,546	--	--	268,408	225,888
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	1,020	745	628,536	685,925	133	113	141,167	121,551
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	--	--	674,679	607,622	--	--	127,241	104,337
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	--	--	48,278	50,697	--	--	8,684	10,387

1/ Excludes quantity data on anhydrous ammonia in 1989/90. All other statistics are preliminary.
 NA = Not available. Zeroes in quantity columns represent none or less than 500 units.

Table 3--U.S. agricultural trade summary (\$ Million)

Item	Jan	Feb	Mar	Year to date	Chg. fm. prev. yr.
					Percent
Agricultural exports	3,218	3,492	3,636	20,092	-8.2
Imports (c.i.f.)	2,148	2,005	2,144	12,249	-5.0
Imports (Customs val.)	1,930	1,869	1,962	11,396	-1.7
Trade Balance:					
Exports minus cif imports					
Imports	1,070	1,487	1,492	7,843	-12.8
Exports minus Customs valued imports	1,288	1,623	1,673	8,696	-15.6

Preliminary data.

Table 4--Exported share of U.S. farm production, FY 1980-1990

Fiscal year	Total exports	Bulk exports 1/	High-value exports 2/
		--Percent--	
1980	20.7	40.3	7.3
1981	22.1	42.0	8.5
1982	19.6	37.5	7.7
1983	18.2	32.9	7.5
1984	19.2	45.6	6.6
1985	15.7	32.2	6.8
1986	14.2	28.5	7.3
1987	14.3	34.3	7.4
1988	17.0	38.9	8.4
1989	18.0	45.5	8.5
1990	16.9	38.0	8.5

1/ Mostly grains and products, and oilseeds and products.

2/ Mostly fruits, nuts, vegetables, and livestock products.

Table 5--U.S. agricultural exports (\$ Million)

Commodity group	Jan	Feb	Mar	Year to date	Change from prev. year
					Percent
Total	3,218	3,492	3,636	20,092	-8.2
Live animals	51	38	40	356	30.0
Meat & preps	291	325	293	1,776	18.7
Dairy prod & eggs	30	32	32	180	-13.7
Animal fats	32	28	39	193	-20.3
Hides & skins	143	132	124	778	-13.6
Wheat	188	236	288	1,394	-38.0
Rice	51	68	64	418	-16.2
Corn	396	510	530	2,568	-32.5
Other feed grains	54	75	90	447	-19.6
Animal feeds	259	276	272	1,523	-3.4
Soybeans	360	412	408	2,115	-24.2
Vegetable oils	59	52	54	327	-16.9
Horticult. prods.	559	574	608	3,738	22.5
Cotton & linters	365	362	388	1,808	15.3
Tobacco, unmfg.	116	99	129	825	-1.1

Preliminary data.

Table 6--U.S. agricultural imports (\$ Million, Customs value)

Commodity group	Jan	Feb	Mar	Year to date	Change from prev. year
					Percent
Total	1,930	1,869	1,962	11,396	-1.7
Live animals	105	99	106	657	17.8
Meat & preps.	229	218	240	1,441	0.5
Dairy prod, eggs	55	49	56	387	-16.7
Grains & feeds	89	98	101	632	5.9
Fruits & nuts	287	303	326	1,716	-3.0
Vegetables	226	227	242	1,171	-18.6
Vegetable oils	62	66	68	382	9.8
Wine	56	54	66	508	0.9
Malt beverages	53	61	71	408	8.0
Coffee	207	190	172	1,010	-8.8
Cocoa	101	80	79	504	7.1
Rubber, natural	51	47	60	338	-7.5
Sugar-cane & beet	73	44	56	339	5.1
Tobacco, unmfg.	54	68	58	305	18.2
Seeds, flowers	62	69	68	389	5.6

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